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International Chess Tourna- ment.

J. W. Showalter, of Georgetown, who for nine years was the champion chess player of the United States, has gone to Cambridge Springs, Pa., where the international chess tournament will be held this month. It is the intention of Mr. Showalter to compete with Pillsbury and, if possible, win the world's championship.

Among the players of note who will compete in the coming tournament will be H. N. Pillsbury, of Boston, who wrested the United States championship from Mr. Showalter three years ago by a very small margin; Emanuel Lascar, of Berlin, who holds the world's championship, and other players of note. There will be sixteen contestants, eight Americans and eight representatives of European countries. The tournament will last about a month, after which the players will go to St. Louis to enter the contest to be held during the Exposition.

BLIZZARD

Struck Us Just as We Were Expect-
ing Springtime.

Last Saturday a cold wave set in upon us, and all day Sunday fires were kept burning briskly to keep out the chill of the wintry blasts.

The bright days of last week had led us to believe that the backbone of winter was broken, as we already had endured an unusually long and severe winter, but in this we were disappointed as the mercury continued to drop until the freezing point was reached Sunday night.

We hope, however, that summer will soon be here and the coal man can be given a rest, while the ice man can come in and enjoy a harvest for a season we long for, the return of the warm days of the good old summer time.

NEW KENTUCKY.

This Section Enthusiastic
Over Forming a New
State.

There has been but little as yet said concerning the proposition of creating a new state out of the mountain section of Eastern Kentucky, Eastern Tennessee, Western North Carolina, the Western part of Old Virginia, and a few counties of West Virginia.

We have been studying the geography of this section some of late and we would be heartily glad to see a new State formed from the territory above described.

By cutting off about 22 or 23 counties of the Southeastern part of Kentucky and placing therein a new state it would relieve the old State of the great bugbear which the Democrats have seen cause to look upon with such contempt as the people of this section will remember the memorable speech of Chas. K. Wheeler in which he said: "The people of the mountains don't act like the people of the remainder of the State, they don't think like them, they don't look like them, and when they die they will not go to the same place."

So far as Mr. Wheeler is concerned the people of the mountains do not desire to think, act or look like him, and we think from his remarks that there are few of the mountain people who would want to go to the same place when they die that they think is prepared for him.

But as to the new State, we hope to see this movement taken up by our Congressman and pushed through if possible and give us a new State.

Under the present state of affairs the mountains of Kentucky can get no relief through our Legislature, we cannot get that body to recognize our needs and give a moment's consideration to any legislation that would tend to develop this country and give a chance to bring before the public the large treasures of wealth that are stored away in the mountains of our State.

Create a new State and within a few years our timber and mineral resources will be developed and the new State will become one of the wealthiest in the group of States, while our population will be doubled and thousands who are now idle will be given employment.

While casting about for a name for the new State there have been a number of suggestions offered, the first was Boone-land, then Lincoln, and McKinley, but we suggest the new territory be called New Kentucky.

Town's Looking-Glass.

The newspapers of a town are its looking-glasses. They are the reflex of a town. If the town is doing business, the newspaper will show it in its advertising columns. If the merchants are spiritless, shiftless fellows whose stores are jumbles of junk and jam the paper will show it by the lack of space they take. If you want the world to know you have a live town, you can only let it be known through the newspapers. —Exchange.

A New Building.

Dan H. Williams has begun the erection of a new Warehouse 24x60 ft, on the lot purchased of George Vermillion in the rear of Judge James D. Black's law office. The warehouse will be used for wagons, buggies, &c.

SEN. BURTON

Of Kansas Found Guilty By
Jury in United States
District Court.

Joseph R. Burton, senior United States Senator, from Kansas was convicted by a jury at St. Louis Monday upon the charge of having accepted compensation to protect the interests of the Rialto Grain and Securities Company, of St. Louis, before the Postoffice Department. The jury was out deliberating for 41 hours.

For a time there threatened to be a disagreement in the jury and it was brought before the Court who asked the cause of the long delay. He was told that eleven had agreed but one stood alone, the Judge admonished the lone juror that the expense of a new trial should not be incurred because of his failing to agree with the majority of jurors. The jury was sent back to their room and soon after reported bringing in a verdict. Judge Adams found that the third count in the indictment had not been considered and the jury was again sent back to consider the case without having announced the verdict returned.

The third time the jury entered the court room the result was announced and United States Senator Burton stood convicted on the charges brought against him in the indictment.

If the verdict as returned is sustained Senator Burton will lose his seat in the Senate and forever be barred from holding any office of public trust. His recourse will be an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals which body is the final arbiter in his case.

It will take a formal action by the Senate to declare Senator Burton's seat vacant and this will not be done until a court of the last resort has passed upon the case.

There seems to be no precedent to this case as no convictions of Senators are within the recollection of the oldest Senators.

HITCH

Between City and County Of-
ficials Causes Delay of
Improvements.

The new bridge which spans Richland creek on the west side of town has been completed and the approaches have been built, but as the creek is the boundary line of the city, the county officials do not feel that it is the duty of the County Court to defray the expense of grading the street within the city limits, and the city authorities on the other hand refuse to have the work done, claiming that it is the duty of the County Court to see to it that it is done.

We may not be entirely familiar with all the circumstances in connection with this matter, but looking at it as an outsider, we are of the opinion that the town should build the grade and put the metal on the street. This territory is in the corporate limits of the town, and if the county wanted to fix it and the city authorities were a mind to they could stop them from the work upon the grounds that the territory was within the city limits and came under the jurisdiction of the city officials.

This being true, we must stand by the County Court and say they have acted right in declining to build the grade on this side of the bridge and the town

officials should unhesitatingly proceed to make the necessary fill and put the street up in proper condition for travel.

Let's have this new street improved so that we can use this new bridge if only to drive over and turn around and return to town.

Our town officials have done some good work recently in street repairing, now we hope they will not spoil the record over this small affair.

HITCHING RACK

For Benefit of Country Peo-
ple Riding or Driving
to Town.

The people of the county who ride or drive into the county seat have no place to hitch their horses. A place to hitch, conveniently situated, is greatly needed, and ought to be provided by our Fiscal Court. In all the progressive counties of the State such a place has already been arranged.

In our town there is no such place, and worse still, at every corner we meet a sign posted up in big letters after this order: "No Hitching here," or, "FIVE DOLLARS FINE FOR HITCHING HERE."

The town people do not need such a place, but the citizens of the county who have business at the county seat do need it, and ought to have it provided for them. It is for the good of the whole people and would be of very little expense. I have made an estimate on the cost of securing sufficient ground and of erecting hitching posts, railings, etc., and I find that it would not cost more than about five or six cents to each voter in the county, if it was made a per capita tax. The people are entitled to this much, and they ought to rise up and demand it of their Fiscal Court, and they will get it.

Respectfully,

F. D. SAMPSON.

SLAIN IN HARLAN.

Samuel Blair Killed by Sam-
uel Lewis as Result
of a Quarrel.

A telephone message was received here Wednesday afternoon to the effect that Sam Lewis, of Harlan county, had shot and killed Sam Blair, on what is called Poor Fork of Cumberland river, five miles from the town of Harlan. The two men have lived together for a long time, and the cause of the difficulty between them is not known. Lewis shot Blair in the breast.

Large Potato.

L. H. Faulkner brought to this office last Friday a cluster Irish potato weighing 3lb 1 oz. This potato had remained in the ground all winter and was a perfectly sound potato when plowed up it had about a dozen prongs which were all united in one forming a cluster. Who can beat this?

Easter Service.

The ladies of the M. E. church are making preparations to give an Easter service on Sunday morning at the Sunday-school at 9:30 o'clock, and the children of the school have been in training for the event for some days past. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Dr. Jolly will preach at 11 o'clock. His subject will be the "Resurrection." Come out and hear him.

LOOK OUT!

Another Contestant Has En-
tered the Ring,
And Is Going After Our Valuable
Prizes.

Georgetown, Ky., Mar. 26, 1904.
D. W. Clark,

Barbourville, Ky.,

DEAR SIR:—Being one of the charter subscribers for the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, I have received my paper regularly every week and have become so well pleased with it that I find myself anxiously awaiting the day for the postman to deliver it to me. All your old friends here who have read the ADVOCATE are loud in their praise and that you may better realize how much they appreciate it I herewith enclose a list of ten new subscribers who have paid the cash in advance, and there will still be more to follow these as I am in the contest to win one of your valuable prizes, if you will allow one from Georgetown to become a contestant.

When I approach men here who know a good newspaper and show them the ADVOCATE they unhesitatingly give me their order at once.

Wishing the ADVOCATE success and trusting that I may not be barred from entering for one of the prizes, and that those who subscribe may get their paper promptly.

I am, A Charter Subscriber,
MRS. T. B. CLARK.

We will state for the benefit of the Charter Subscriber, and all others who may live at a distance, that no one is barred. Anyone can act as agent for the ADVOCATE. We state that clearly and plainly in the large ad on the fourth page, and it is indeed gratifying to have the list of names from our former home upon our mailing list. All of the list of ten names are friends of ours, while some of the list are, and always have been, strong political opponents, yet personally they were friends among them is Senator J. C. Cantrill, who as Senator from Scott county, led the insurgents against the Administration during the recent session of the General Assembly and won his fight. We heartily appreciate all these names and would be pleased to send hundreds of copies of the ADVOCATE to Georgetown every week.

Newspaper Change.

After twenty-seven years constant connection with the Mountain Echo of London the paper has passed out of the hands of the Dyche family. Mr. A. R. Dyche having sold out about a year ago to his son, Russell, who has recently sold it to Mr. Linnie, formerly of Louisville, who will continue the publication of the Echo.

The Echo is one of the oldest established newspapers in the mountains and has for a long time enjoyed a very liberal patronage. We wish for the new management unbounded success.

County Court Day.

Last Monday was County Court day and rather a large crowd was in town, candidates were mixing among the people and setting up their various claims for the offices to which they aspire. The jockey ring was well represented and a number of the professional horse traders were there with their prancing steeds ready to exchange with some one else for a better horse or for a worse horse and the difference.

The day was clear but cold and overcoats were very much in evidence. The day passed off quietly and no disturbance of any kind was reported.